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Re: Docket No. 98N-1265 On Compounding Pharmacy Restrictions MAY 27 A 9:51

Please amend the January 21 FDA Memorandum of Understanding and the Compounding Section 503A of the FDA Modernization Act to eliminate the restrictions on compounding pharmacies. Compounding pharmacies must continue to be allowed to ship prescriptions out of state and retain the ability to freely exchange information between pharmacists, patients and doctors.

Compounding pharmacies provide a valuable service to patients like me with special needs. The MOU as currently drafted restricts patient rights to obtain suitable health care products and threatens my health. It also interferes with my doctor's ability to treat me as he thinks best. As a special needs patient, this is a serious issue for me.

Please, please amend the MOU to eliminate restrictions on compounding pharmacies and allow me to continue to have access to the pharmaceutical products and information I need.

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